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Contests at Chicago.

The republican national committee will meet in Chicago June 1 in response to a call. Part of the business to be transacted relates to contested seats in the convention. In 1912 this was very important business, and led to the turmoil which resulted in a bolt and the defeat of the party at the polls. The followers of Mr. Roosevelt had prepared contests in the south by wholesale. Some were so offensively "raw" they fell of their own offensiveness. Others were so flimsy they caused amusement. But, "raw" or ridiculous, they produced trouble which got beyond the convention's control.

This time the number of contests is only forty-four. Among them are seventeen from Georgia, twelve from Louisiana, two from Mississippi, three from South Carolina, one from Florida and one from Virginia.

Surely no great trouble harbors in that list, either for the committee or the convention. What chance has the republican party to carry any of those states, whether with Hughes, Roosevelt or another as the candidate? None whatever. A nomination decided by those thirty-six votes, or any part of them, would not be worth a bauble. The fighting force of the party in states where the party is alive would be impaired to the degree of failure.

It is nothing to the point to complain—the complaint is always made when the subject is brought up—that the southern republicans are powerless in part because of local election laws; that if permitted to vote their constitutional strength they would have electoral votes to give to a republican candidate for President.

The national republican party faces a condition, and must deal with it. Whatever the reason may be, whatever the future effort to remedy the matter, there is no militant republican organization in the lower southern states today. Few nominations for local officers are made, and fewer still successful. In presidential campaigns electoral tickets are but forms. No serious attempts are made in their behalf. A national republican chairman who should send stumblers through the south and allot campaign funds for that section would fall under the suspicion of being incompetent for his task.

The southern delegates at Chicago will have opportunity to serve their party and themselves by holding aloof from combinations to which they could contribute nothing of real or permanent value, and might contribute much of harm.

Even should the government succeed in making its own munitions, the dread of pork is liable to be lifted whenever a contract is made for the purchase of material.

Berlin's resentment of this country's attitude toward submarines does not prevent her expression of much sympathy for the country in our relations with England.

Reports that Mr. Bryan is going to St. Louis to seek the vice-presidential nomination prove to be entirely without foundation.

Some of the Filipinos would appreciate receiving their independence so little as to feel like bringing suit for desertion.

Republicans and Economy.

In the Senate Saturday Mr. Curtis of Kansas twitted the democrats with their record regarding supplies for the support of the government. He referred to their criticism of the Fifty-first Congress, whose appropriations totaled over a billion dollars, and cited the appropriations of the Sixty-third Congress, which totaled over two billion dollars. The figures are correct. But we shall not appreciate their value and meaning if we fail to take into account the fact that a quarter of a century separates the two bodies, and that in the time the United States grew amazingly. Thomas R. Reed replied to democratic complaint by declaring this a billion-dollar country, and "Champ" Clark could as truly reply to republican complaint now by declaring that it is a two-billion-dollar country.

The only difference between the two cases is that while the republicans did not obtain control of the Fifty-first Congress through any special charge of waste against the democrats and promise of economy on their own part, the democrats did obtain control of the Sixty-third Congress largely through just such a charge against the republicans and promise of economy on their part.

But while it is beyond controversy that the joke is on the democrats, the republicans should beware of carrying the joke too far lest they lay the foundation for a joke on themselves.

That this subject will come up for treatment at Chicago is plain. But it is equally plain that it should be handled with extreme care. We have entered on an era of bigger things than

we have ever known before. Our growth in the coming quarter century should far exceed that of the past quarter. And growth calls for support. As we expand we must be sustained. Money makes the mare go; and the bigger the mare the more money necessary. The republicans if they return to complete control will but repeat their past performances when in control by supporting the government in generous fashion. A striking feature of their record in office is that they have never been cheapsparers. At every step since the civil war when responsibility rested on them they have provided the government with all the money necessary to its development; and while at times the amounts have appeared large, events have always justified the large purposes proclaimed. If we have not in every case received the full worth of our money, the blame has seldom rested on the Congress that made the appropriation.

War Developments.

With the grand assault by Germany at Verdun entering upon its thirteenth week there are renewed signs of the opening of the long-forecast drive at the allied positions in the direction of Calais. Heavy bombardments followed by infantry attacks are reported from the northwestern front, with temporary German success in penetrating the British lines. At Verdun itself there is little activity at present, the furious recurrence of German initiative there of last week having subsided after repulses by the French. The reports indicate that Germany is bringing to the western front reinforcements of Bulgarian and Turkish troops, not particularly needed on the Saloniki front. These reinforcements are doubtless intended to offset the strength recently gained by the French through the arrival of Russian forces at Marseille, to an unknown number.

Thus the war continues to present peculiar aspects. Russia, fighting on two great fronts, in Russia itself and in Asia Minor, has men to spare for transport to France. Germany has sent men into Austria, into Turkey and into Asia Minor. France has sent men to Gallipoli and subsequently into Greece. Turkey has sent men, according to the late reports, into Belgium and France. England's troops are at various points. Serbian forces, driven from their own land by the Austro-German-Bulgarian invasion, are fighting in alien hands. Austrians are reported to have been drafted for service on the western front in France. Italy alone of the fighting powers, save Japan, is concentrating her powers upon the campaign on her own front.

Never before was a war fought under such circumstances, with so much shifting of nationalities or combination of factors. Transportation has played in this conflict the most important part. It has been in this respect that Germany has been superior. Possessing not only the advantage of the interior position, with all her allies in territorial touch, but a remarkably effective system of railway lines designed for this special purpose, she has been able to throw her forces quickly and effectively first in one direction and then in another, making the utmost use of them. This facility of movement has thus far fully offset any disparity of numbers that may have existed at the outset of the war.

The news from Europe is doing a great deal to spoil the romance suggested by the posters inviting recruits. The motive now to be depended upon is patriotism and not picturesqueness.

It would seem by this time that Mr. Brandeis has been sufficiently investigated to place out of the question suspicion that he is concealing something.

Several foreign statements have been made by gentlemen who avow their readiness to stick by the progressive party as long as it lasts.

Carranza is in danger of showing how many advisers a man may have and still go wrong.

A Russian Repulse.

A repulse of Russian forces is reported from Asia Minor, a heavy Turkish army, led by a German commander and possibly reinforced by German troops, having beaten back the grand duke's men in a mountain fight some distance west of Erzerum. The Russian line now stretches southeastward from Trebizond on the Black sea in a slightly curving course to Bitlis, near Lake Van, about 250 miles away. The present objective of the Russian advance is Erzingan, which lies almost due south of Trebizond. The latest fight took place about forty miles east of Erzingan in the Russian center, Gen. Markensen's object being evidently to penetrate the center and thus force a retreat on the flanks. Should the Russian center be pierced it would be necessary to withdraw the forces from Bitlis or from Trebizond, or possibly both points. The dispatches do not indicate this result thus far. South of Bitlis Russian forces are operating against Mosul from the Persian line in an obvious endeavor to cut across the Turkish transport routes to Bagdad. Apparently this operation is not related directly to that in the north of Asia Minor, where the Russian repulse has just occurred.

This is the first setback to the Russian campaign since the crossing of the Caucasus by the grand duke. Up to this point the Russian forces have gone ahead without serious check, gaining one position after another. The question arises whether this will be a repetition of the earlier Russian actions. In the beginning of the war the Muscovite troops made great headway on the eastern European front and penetrated far into Galicia and for some distance into East Prussia, only later to be first checked and then driven back with heavy

losses. It has heretofore been said that one of the weaknesses of the Russian military organization was its inability to continue an offensive. Evidently the arrival of German reinforcements in Asia Minor has had something to do with the present Turkish victory.

The Maryland Sunday Law.

It is unfortunate that the trials at Rockville last Saturday in the cases of the alleged Sabbath breakers of Friendship Heights did not result in a more specific definition of what a resident can do in the way of Sunday work around his own premises. One of the defendants was acquitted on the ground that a mistake had been made in the charge in the matter of the date of the alleged offense and the other was released on the ground that he had only picked up a few pieces of paper from his lot and burned them, which the judge did not regard as sufficiently heinous to warrant punishment. The law under which these men were prosecuted is that prohibiting the performance of unnecessary manual labor on the Sabbath. Just what constitutes necessity in such a case evidently remains to be determined in each individual case. Many suburbanites find their best and indeed their only opportunity for effective care of their house lots on Sunday, unless they arise at a very early hour or work late in the evening after their return from the city. Plainly the matter rests upon the discretion of the court, but it would be to the advantage of everybody if a more exact interpretation of the law were given in general terms so that each resident of the adjacent counties of Maryland can tell just what he can do legally and what he cannot do. This should be established on a legal basis and not subjected to a personal censorship.

Waste Paper Saving Profits.

A plan is under way to put the school children of the city to work at paper saving for the benefit of the playground fund. It is estimated that if all the children will save all the waste papers, including old newspapers, of their homes, and bring them to the playgrounds, approximately \$2,000 a week can be raised. The figures of local paper waste now available bear out this estimate. Tons of old papers are literally thrown away here daily, and in the present condition of the paper trade this is a serious loss. Naturally the school children are not concerned in the economies of the conservation, but they should be interested in the financial advantage to be gained by paper saving. If this enterprise goes through the playground fund, now constantly in need of replenishment by entertainments of various kinds, will become plethoric. A suggestion is afforded by this enterprise for other objects which are constantly in need of assistance. As soon as the value of old papers is established a competition may develop for them which will greatly stimulate the energies of those engaged in their collection. For instance, the Boy Scouts of this city, perennially in need of funds and about to conduct another tagging enterprise, might profitably become paper collectors. The local charities may be able to utilize this means of refunding. Once let the idea become general that there is an actual commercial value in old paper and the waste will cease.

Republican leaders are wondering whether T. R. can be persuaded to throw some other man's hat into the ring.

If rhetoric were the main element of preparedness the country would be in excellent military form.

In spite of Henry Ford's rival activities the Nobel peace prize keeps on doing business.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Inevitable. "Do you think it will be possible to settle all international differences hereafter without war?" "No," replied Senator Sorghum. "At best there's bound to be a war of words."

Erratic Temperature. Still doth the chilling blast salute The shore where summer fancies float. Oh, never mind the bathing suit, But bring along an overcoat.

Consideration. "You don't mention the American eagle in your speeches as often as you used to." "Well," replied the statesman, "I cherish a whole lot of sentiment for that American eagle. And after seeing what the donkey and the elephant and the moose have gone up against, I want to do what I can to keep the old bird out of the mix-up."

Stealing a March. "Where do you intend to go this summer?" "I'm going to stay at home," replied Mr. Dustin Stax. "My family's going away and I'm going to embrace the opportunity to sit in my shirt sleeves and smoke cigars in the best rooms in the house."

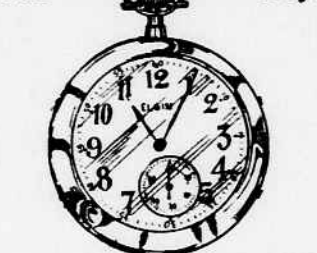
"You're liable to find," said Uncle Eben, "dat de man who talks de biggest thinks de smallest."

Irresponsibility. The lazy days are drawin' near. The busy bee is wingin'. Beneath the sky so bright an' clear The birds will practice singin'. They think of duty, day by day. A-driftin' an' a-dreamin'. If they enjoy themselves that way— Well, let 'em!

When fragrance soft drifts o'er the scene Where bright the sun is beamin', Invitin' to a mood serene, A-driftin' an' a-dreamin'. The cares which seek repose to spoil— I'm willin' to fuzz an' toil— If others want to buzz an' toil— Well, let 'em!

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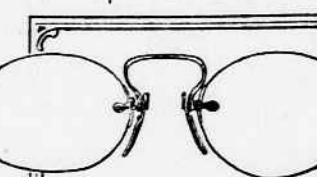
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263 Different Styles at \$1.00
Gowns, 115 styles; Petticoats, 31 styles; Chemises, 19 styles; Envelope Chemises, 47 styles; Combination Garments, 23 styles; Drawers, 15 styles; and Corset Covers, 13 styles.

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